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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, MARCH 21:

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: CONDITIONS FOR DEER ARE LOOKING MUCH BETTER IN ALL AREAS NOW. THEY ARE GOING EVERYWHERE AT WILL IN THE OPEN HARDWOOD. WARDEN JOHN SWASEY, ANDOVER: PEOPLE SEEM TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEER THIS WINTER. "SO MUCH SNOW THAT THE DEER CAN'T GET AROUND AND ARE STARVING." I HAD OCCASION TO GO INTO AN AREA WHERE THERE WAS SOME PULP CUTTING TAKING PLACE, WITH A SMALL DEER YARD NEARBY. THE MAN DOING THE CUTTING CALLED AND SAID THERE WAS A DEER STAYING IN HIS CUTTINGS WITH ONE FRONT LEG BADLY INJURED. HE SAID THE DEER WAS HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING ABOUT IN THE SNOW AND WANTED TO KNOW IF I COULD USE A DART GUN AND TRANQUILIZE HIM AND REMOVE THE LEG. I WENT TO THE LOCATION AND STARTED UP INTO THE HAULING ROADS. AS I GOT UP CLOSE TO THE YARD, I SAW A DEER FEEDING ON A TOP AND AS I APPROACHED, IT MOVED OUT AHEAD OF ME. I NOTICED IT WAS THE DEER WITH THREE LEGS. AS I STARTED TO CIRCLE AHEAD OF THE DEER, I FOUND, LYING IN THE TRAIL, THE LOWER PART OF ITS LEG. IT APPEARED TO HAVE DROPPED OFF THE NIGHT BEFORE, IT SEEMS TO ME IF A THREE-LEGGED DEER CAN SURVIVE A WINTER SUCH AS THIS THAT A HEALTHY, FOUR-LEGGED ONE SURELY CAN. THE SNOW AT THIS TIME MEASURED 54 INCHES IN THE SOFTWOOD. THE DEER WAS SINKING ABOUT 13 INCHES.

WARDEN BRYCE CLAYTON, EUSTIS: WHILE CHECKING A DEER YARD IN ALDER STREAM TWP. ON MARCH 12, I COUNTED 30 DEER AS I WENT INTO THE YARD. I CUT A CEDAR TREE DOWN IN A FAIRLY OPEN PLACE AND LEFT TO CRUISE THE REST OF THE YARD. IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF I RETURNED TO THE CEDAR AND COUNTED 17 DEER AROUND IT.

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, MARCH 27:

DOGS ARE OUR NUMBER ONE PROBLEM AT PRESENT. WE ARE RECEIVING COMPLAINTS OF DOGS RUNNING FROM ALL OVER. WE HAVE BEEN HAVING FAIR SUCCESS IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM. WE TAGGED 1,312 BEAVER IN DIVISION G THIS YEAR. WHILE FLYING OVER CHAMBERLAIN AND EAGLE LAKES THIS PAST WEEKEND, I MADE SOME RAPID (IF NOT ACCURATE) CALCULATIONS THAT IF ALL THE SNOWSLED TRACKS IN THE AREA WERE PUT END TO END THEY WOULD REACH TO THE MOON TWO AND ONE-HALF TIMES! A LARGE NUMBER OF FISHERMEN WERE OUT LAST WEEKEND TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL WEATHER.

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, MARCH 21:

FROM INSPECTOR GRAY MORRISON, GREENVILLE: SNOW CONTINUES TO BUILD UP, MEASURED 83" IN THE PRONG POND DEER YARD. THE DEER APPEAR TO BE OK. ALLAGASH LAKE DEER YARD, TRAVEL CONDITIONS VERY GOOD; THE LAST BIG STORM LEFT VERY LITTLE SNOW IN THAT AREA. MARCH 17TH CHECK OF THE GULF STREAM

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DEER YARD AT HOLEB FOUND CONDITIONS VERY GOOD AND DEER WALKING IN THE OPEN HARDWOOD GROWTH. MOOSEHEAD LAKE FISHING VERY SLOW, 115 FISHERMEN ON MARCH 15TH. BEST CATCH CHECKED WAS A PARTY OF THREE NIGHT FISHERMEN WITH 13 CUSK. THE GREAT NORTHERN PAPER CO. REPORTS 15" OF WATER IN THE SNOW COVER IN THE MOOSEHEAD AREA. DIVISION J TAGGED 735 BEAVER FOR THIS SEASON.

FROM SUPERVISOR BARRON, APRIL 3:

OBSERVED MY FIRST WOODCOCK OF THE SEASON AT MAYFIELD, MARCH 29, JUST BEFORE DAYLIGHT. HE LOOKED RATHER OUT OF PLACE, AS THE SNOW BANKS WERE SEVEN TO EIGHT FEET HIGH ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD. INSTEAD OF TEETERING UP AND DOWN, HE APPEARED TO BE SHAKING HIS HEAD. HE SHOWED GOOD JUDGEMENT IN TAKING OFF IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION.

ACTIVITY PICKING UP IN THE MAPLE SYRUP CAMPS UP NORTH. THE CANADIANS ARE MOVING IN, CUTTING WOOD, BREAKING OUT ROADS AND MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON; NO RUN AS YET.

OPENING DAY FOR FISHING WAS A FREEZEOUT, TEMPERATURES AT ABOUT THE ZERO MARK, VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY.